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Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: July 30, 2008

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 062

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Friday, August 15, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 5, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Fruit and Nut Mix	5/5 lb.	13,104 cases
Dried Fruit and Nut Mix	24/1 lb.	14,560 cases

No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Ingredients composed of the following combination in equal portions – 20 percent of each product: Dried date pieces (chopped/extruded), dried almonds, dried fig pieces, dried cherries, and Natural (sun-dried) seedless raisins (must be coated with vegetable oil).

The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2008 or later crop year.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

Destinations with split shipments that are unspecified on the invitation are indicated by a single asterisk (*).

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307
 INVITATION : 062
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
 COMM TYPE : 60 FRUIT AND NUT MIX, DRIED
 PACK SIZE : 10 5/5 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/08 - 10/15/08					
001	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	609	
	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	96	
	SUFFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	751	
002	GRANITE CITY	IL		1,456	
003	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	364	
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,092	
004	CORDELIA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
005	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/08 - 10/31/08					
006	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/08 - 11/15/08					
007	PORT NEWARK	NJ		1,456	
008	VINELAND	NJ		1,456	
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/08 - 12/31/08					
009	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	

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 PACK SIZE : 20 24/1 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/08 - 10/15/08

010	BUFFALO	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	***
011	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	364	
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,092	
012	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
013	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	

DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/08 - 10/31/08

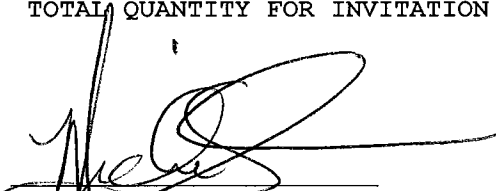
014	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	***
015	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	1,092	
	WILKES-BARRE	PA	TRUCK ONLY	364	
016	COAL TOWNSHIP	PA	TRUCK ONLY	728	
	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	728	
017	OMAHA	NE	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
018	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	

DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/08 - 12/15/08

019	NEWPORT	MN		1,456	
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 27,664

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 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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